

2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday 12 July 2024

Time: 19:00

Venue: Zoom Online Meeting Platform

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of Dressage Tasmania Incorporated.

1. **Present:** Alana Fazackerley, Alison Hall, Tania Hay, Heather Stewart, Sue Lamont, Suanne Lawrence, Jill Suban, Teresa Darcy, Bernadette Gibson, Penelope Moore, Tammy Cunningham, Leanne Moore, Gillian Von Bertouch
2. **Apologies:** Kerrie Swan-Bates, Jodie Towns, Judy Atkinson, Jody Rybarczyk, Jenny Wilson, Linda Smink

NOTE: Linda submitted an RSVP; however, experienced a meeting link issue.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes:

Moved – Alana Fazackerley Seconded – Tania Hay

4. Business Arising from 2023 Minutes

Nil

5. Chairpersons Report for 2023-24

Another very positive year for Dressage in Tasmania, I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their time and dedication to the sport. We are particularly fortunate to have the skills of our Treasurer Alison Hall whose abilities at writing grant applications are truly remarkable and she has been again able to secure support for ground improvements, officials' education and extra support to encourage off the track horse owners to be involved in dressage. Her financial oversight has really put us on a very good path for the future.

Thanks also Alana Fazackerley our dedicated secretary her efficiency and people skills have been invaluable and made my job much easier. Always brimming with ideas and so generous with her time.

On behalf of all our competitor's thank you to all the people that have stepped up to complete or commence their steward training, without you we can't run events and I'm aware it's a big commitment.

The 2024 Tasracing-Cavalor Tasmanian Dressage Championship was successfully run by the Southern Zone. Who also undertook a safety audit of the Dressage Park at TEC and now have a blueprint for the ground going forward.

Northwest and North continue with the development of the Thirlstane Grounds and look forward to adding a sand warmup area.

We appreciate the work of all our judges and congratulations to Uta Gonsior, Wendy Asman and Gillian Von Bertouch on gaining their E Level, along with Toni Furlong at G.

Huge thank you to retiring judge Sheelagh Beech on her dedication over the years and we hope Sheelagh remains involved with the sport.

SDA is committed to a rework of a more relevant strategic plan and a planning day on strategies to increase participation in dressage at all levels and welcome input from members.

Judy Atkinson

Thank you to Judy for all the effort and time for the season.

6. Treasurer's Report for 2023-24

Presented by Treasurer Alison Hall. *NOTE: Although Reports were distributed prior to the Meeting, updated Reports are attached to these Minutes.*

- General Account: closing balance \$32,524.62 – \$19,645.22 left after infrastructure funds
- Championships account: Closing funds \$4,618.66 (Float for next year)
- Judge Education Account: Closing funds \$16,136.91
- Development Squad Account: Closing funds \$4,437.97
- Young Rider Account: Closing funds \$1,096.60
- Graphs reflecting expenses comparison 2017-18 – 2023-24
- Pie Chart reflecting expenses

Audit

- Don Willings and Associates has been auditor for 2023-24. Auditing is not required but it was decided at the 2021 AGM that to remain transparent we agreed to auditing. Audited financials are also a requirement for grant funding purposes.

Championships Treasurer approval

- To remove previous Championships Treasurer Kathryn Drake and add Jayne Blyth as Treasurer of 2025 Championships for access to Championships bank account.

Membership numbers

- 2023-24: 179, 2022-23: 180, 2021-22: 176, 2020-21:143
- An increase in 6-month memberships

Treasurer's Report Moved: Alison Hall Seconded: Alana Fazackerley

7. Dressage Officials Panel Report 2023-24

Firstly, thank you to all our officials, be they stewards or judges for their continuing support of dressage in Tasmania, we are aware it's a huge commitment to comply with the level of training to hold these accreditations. Dressage Tasmania will continue to support training opportunities and we delighted to see our officials' base continue to grow.

Congratulations to Uta Gonsior, Wendy Asman, and Gill von Bertouch all stepping up to elementary level and Toni Furlonge completing her G level. We've had Tasmanian judges officiating around many mainland states as well as at home.

September 7 at WEC will see a Judges' Seminar with Judge Educator Ginny Creed. This will be open to all and we would especially like to see anyone interested in starting on a judging pathway take this opportunity to join us.

Any questions regarding undertaking stewarding or judge training, please feel free to contact Sue Lamont or myself.

Judy Atkinson

8. Steward report

Having a Steward at ALL Official Dressage Competitions is now Compulsory from January 1, 2024. Two 'Becoming an EA Dressage Steward' Courses were held in late 2023. One in the North was for those in the North and North West and one in Hobart for those in the South.

The course comprised a Theory Day plus 2 Practical Days. Candidates also had to complete and pass 3 written tests and a Workbook to become accredited. I tailored a Power Point Presentation to Tasmania but also with regard to preparing people to Steward interstate.

The level of enthusiasm for the topics and the broad range of equestrian experience was really pleasing. It is difficult to include study with work, family and horses and I thank Candidates for their time and dedication.

Competition Organisers should note that Stewards should be provided with a Claim Form at Events as they receive an hourly rate. Stewards should also be given morning tea and lunch as Judges receive.

The Steward's Motto is 'Help, Prevent, Intervene' and they should be respected for this.

Stewards are:

Level 2:

Suzanne Betts

Susan Lamont

Suzan McDermott

Level 1:

Lisa Buckby

Andrew McDermott

Alana Fazackerley

Caitlin Radford

Will Flynn

Miriam Vandenberg

Suanne Lawrence

Stephanie Temple

Subject to approval from Dressage Tasmania I expect to run a 'Becoming a Steward' Course in 2025. There will also be a Refresher for Current Stewards.

All the Best, Suzanne Betts.

NOTE: To maintain accreditation, EA membership is essential. Current membership will ensure inclusion on the EA accredited officials list.

9. Declaration of 2024-25 Committee Members

Thank you to the outgoing committee for a productive year and for the sacrifice of time and effort to support dressage in Tasmania.

All positions on the Dressage Tasmania SDA committee were declared open and nominations invited via email 28 May 2024, follow up posted on Facebook and web site.

As per the constitution, seven (7) nominations make up the SDA committee. Nine (9) nominations were received via email, those being (alphabetical order):

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| 1. Alana Fazackerley | 6. Suanne Lawrence |
| 2. Alison Hall | 7. Kerrie Swan Bates |
| 3. Judy Atkinson | 8. Heather Stewart |
| 4. Penelope Moore | 9. Tania Hay |
| 5. Sue Lamont | |

Equestrian Tasmania undertook a Dressage Tasmania financial member vote to determine the required seven (7) committee members following close-off for nominations on 28 June 2024.

The results are (in order of votes received):

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| 1. Alana Fazackerley | 5. Judy Atkinson |
| 2. Sue Lamont | 6. Heather Stewart |
| 3. Alison Hall | 7. Tania Hay |
| 4. Penelope Moore | |

Office bearer positions will be declared at the SDA General Meeting post AGM and will be announced in due course.

A warm welcome to the new committee and good luck for the 2024-25 season.

10. Notices of Motions

None.

11. Honorariums

\$650 honorariums for four (4) x, being Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Website Coordinator

NOTE: Usually there is an honorarium for Chair of the Dressage Officials Panel, but due to a recess in relation to the position, is not being paid.

Moved: Alison Hall Seconded: Alana Fazackerley

12. Life Member nominations

Judy Atkinson

Moved: Alana Fazackerley Seconded: Sue Lamont

13. HOTY, POTY, YROTY, OTTOTY Awards

Preliminary Horse of the Year:

Linda Smink and Clearview Springsteen

Runner Up: Celia Conder-Lang and Playin in Gold

Preliminary Pony of the Year:

Hannah Burn and Mirinda Lancelot

Runner Up: Safira Crook and Carollin Dragonfly

Novice Horse of the Year:

Celia Condor-Land and Feldale Ana

Runner Up: Jody Rybarczyk and Oscar De La Renta

Novice Pony of the Year:

Leanne Moore and Larilla Mastermind

Elementary Horse of the Year:

Kenya Broad and Wolter Van Gelder

Runner Up: Lucy Johnston and Clearview Royal Zeva

Congratulations to everyone.

Prizes available at Zone AGMs. Recipients notified by email.

Medium Horse of the Year:

Stephanie Temple and Clearview Verdict

Runner Up: Alison Hall and Episodes

Medium Pony of the Year:

Suanne Lawrence and Garraboo Scoobie Doo Advanced

Breanna Burgess and Carrera

FEI Horse of the Year:

Breanna Burgess and Carrera

Runner-up: Judy Peel and Regensturm

Young Rider of the Year:

Lucy Johnston and Clearview Royal Zeva

Runner Up: Silver Ellis and Dashooskah

Off the Track Thoroughbred Horse of the Year:

Penny Higgins and Cool Chap

Runner Up: Alana Fazackerley and Merlyn

14. Other Business

14.1 Zone Reports

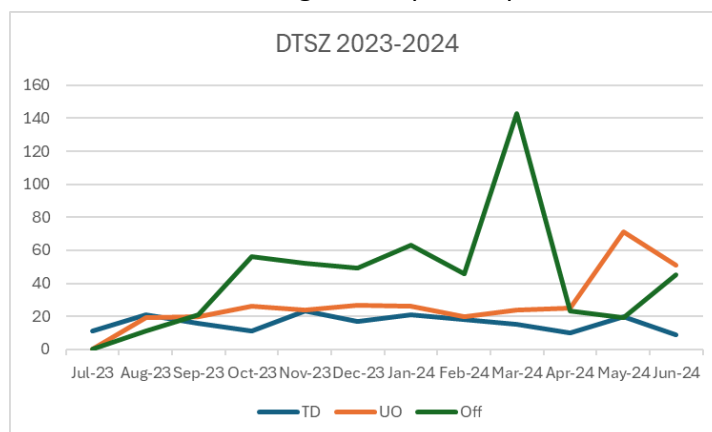
14.1.1 Northern Zone Report 2023-24

Not received.

14.1.2 Southern Zone Report 2023-24

Thank you for the opportunity to report on the Southern Zone Organising Committee activities for the past year. Firstly, I want to thank my fellow Committee members and dressage impassionatas Gill von Bertouch, Jill Suban, Katherine Drake, Jill Schwartz, Heather Stewart, Jenny Wilson, Chloe Amos and Suzan McDermott. Also, thanks to Tania Hay, Tammy Cunningham and Sophie McDermott for their contribution to the Committee during the year.

Together we organised 12 Training Days (TD), 11 Competition days (including the Official CVEC Competition) and alongside some additional volunteers, the well-attended State Dressage Championships.



As this summary graph shows, Training Days averaged around 16 entries fairly consistently all year. Unofficial averaged 28 entries per competition and (excluding the Championship entries) Official entries averaged 40 per competition across the year. The variations are directly the result of SZ offering two Series – Unofficial in May and June; and Official in October to December. We will repeat these two Series for the coming season as well as starting a Leaderboard across all classes that also include OTT, YR and IS to reward consistency.

After a hiatus, the State Dressage Championships were again held at the TEC Dressage Park this year. Realising the Park needed a lot of work to bring it up to scratch, the SZ Committee undertook extensive grounds work guided by an independently conducted Risk Review of the Park. The old Arena 1 – a sand arena with no base and beloved of rabbits – was decommissioned and the poles used to create a clear delineation of the competition area. We also used this opportunity to develop a plan to manage the new post-test gear check requirement having the Marshaller, gear check and Stewards near the entry/exit point of the arenas. This has worked very well, and our next step is to relocate the existing gear-check shed to this access corridor. We also relevelled Arena 2 before the Champs. The grass warm-up has recovered from the floods in past years but is still a work in progress. Not surprisingly, a major expense this year has been ground maintenance at the TEC, but with steady entries, support from SDA, Active Tasmania and ETas we are in the same good financial position as this time last year.

The Southern Zone AGM is scheduled for Friday 30 August.

Suanne Lawrence

14.1.3 North West Zone Report 2023-23

The North West has had a successful dressage year, with an outstanding committed and driven committee.

The Zone has seen success both on and off the field of play with the following being highlights:

- The North West horses showed great reliability and solid training with strong performances across the board in both championship results and horse of the year results, congratulations to the following riders, Linda

Smink and the beautiful Clearview Spingsteen taking out both Horse of the year and prelim state Champ with an average of around 76% the future looks bright for this partnership.

- Kenya Broad and Wolter Van Gelder Elementary Horse of the year.
- Steph Temple and Clearview Verdict Medium Horse of the year.
- Alison Hall Runner up Medium.
- Penny Higgins - OTT horse of the year.

Alison Hall again proved what an asset she is to the sport gaining more funding for both a warmup arena for the Thirlstane Grounds and off the track funding, and was the worthy winner of the volunteer award for the North West Zone.

We continue to struggle for volunteers, and I strongly encourage anyone and everyone to put their hand up to take on a job no matter how big or small.

Penelope Moore, NW President

15 Meeting Closed – 7:45pm on 12 July 2024